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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEMS

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

ISRAELI-U.S. TALKS ON GULF OF SUEZ: WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN'S APPROVAL, AN ISRAELI TEAM WILL HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH STATE OFFICIALS TOMORROW TO FIND A PRACTICAL SOLUTION TO THE DISPUTE OVER AMOCO OIL DRILLING ACTIVITIES IN THE EASTERN HALF OF THE GULF OF SUEZ. THE ISRAELIS HAVE INDICATED THEY HOPE THE MATTER CAN BE WRAPPED UP QUICKLY. FOR ITS PART, AMOCO OFFICIALS TOLD STATE THIS WEEK THAT, WHILE NOT YIELDING ON THEIR LEGAL POSITION, THEY WILL AS A PRACTICAL MATTER REFRAIN FROM ANY NEW ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS WHILE WAITING TO SEE THE RESULTS OF THE TALKS WITH THE ISRAELIS AND WHETHER THERE ARE GROUNDS FOR COMPROMISE, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE DEADLINE FOR DRILLING EARLY NEXT WEEK. WHILE HEADING INTO THE TALKS, THE ISRAELIS CONTINUE TO PUBLICLY PORTRAY THEIR POSITION AS UNEQUIVOCAL ON THE MATTER OF ISRAELI JURISDICTION EAST OF THE MEDIAN LINE THUS SUGGESTING ISRAELI "PERMISSION" TO ANY ACTIONS THAT MAY BE TAKEN IN THAT AREA. (OAKLEY/NIENHUS)

PLANNED ISRAELI AID REQUESTS, FY 77-79: IN THE ANNUAL EXERCISE, ISRAELI FINANCE MINISTER RABINOWITZ SAT DOWN WITH AMBASSADOR TOON THIS WEEK TO TALK ABOUT ISRAEL'S FUTURE AID REQUESTS. THANKING THE PRESIDENT AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR THE "UNPRECEDENTED" AID OF RECENT YEARS, RABINOWITZ DEFINED ISRAELI NEEDS AS \$2.5 BILLION FOR EACH OF CALENDAR YEARS 77, 78, AND 79, NOTING THAT WHILE ISRAEL WOULD PURSUE RESTRICTIVE ECONOMIC POLICIES IT

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WOULD REMAIN HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE. THE RABINOWITZ PRESENTATION CONTAINS NO MAJOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE CHANGES FROM THE DOCUMENT GIVEN TO OMB DIRECTOR LYNN IN JULY, THE OMB TALKS WITH THE ISRAELI MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ON AUGUST 26, OR THE TALKS OF THE ISRAELI ECONOMIC COUNSELLOR HERE WITH AID. ISRAEL IS MAKING A CONCERTED EFFORT TO GET \$1.5 BILLION IN FMS AND \$700-800 MILLION IN SA PER YEAR FOR FY 78, 79, AND 80. AMBASSADOR TOON REITERATED TO RABINOWITZ PREVIOUS ADMONITIONS ABOUT THE CHANGING ATTITUDE OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AND CONGRESS TOWARD FOREIGN AID, EVEN FOR ISRAEL. (OAKLEY/NIEHUSS)

NEW CUBAN NOTE ON OVERFLIGHTS: STATE RECEIVED TUESDAY AFTERNOON A NEW DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM THE CUBANS ON OVERFLIGHT. SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS QUERIES, THE NEW NOTE REQUESTS PERMISSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ON AIR SERVICE, TO OVERFLY U.S. TERRITORY IN CONNECTION WITH REGULAR CUBAN AIR SERVICE TO CANADA. HOWEVER, THE NOTE REQUESTS PERMISSION FOR OVERFLIGHTS FOR THREE WEEKLY FLIGHTS RATHER THAN TWO AS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED. THE THRICEWEEKLY FLIGHT SCHEDULE WOULD BEGIN THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15. THE CUBAN NOTE MENTIONS THE FACT THAT U.S. AIRLINES OVERFLY CUBAN TERRITORY (A REFERENCE TO CUBAN EXPECTATIONS OF RECIPROCITY). THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AGAIN REQUESTS A U.S. RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. STATE WILL SEND US THE NOTE AS SOON AS IT HAS BEEN TRANSLATED. (LAZAR)

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